

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-42 were pending in this application.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-19 and 29-42, drawn to a process (classified in class 427, subclass 248.1);

Group II, claims 20-27, drawn to an apparatus (classified in class 118, subclass 715); and

Group III, claim 28, drawn to a product (classified in class 428, subclass 689+).

Applicants provisionally elect Group I comprising claims 1-19 and 29-42, without traverse.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (650) 335-7818.

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